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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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PUBLIC WELFARE

Resettlement

1. Land released from military installations during the month for resettlement and cultivation by Okinawans totaled 483 acres.

LAND RELEASED

<u>Village</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Ginowan	16.3
Oroku	12.4
Goeku	20.7
Yontan	42.9
Urasoe	42.8
Mawashi	347.9

2. During December 4,122 houses were constructed from lumber received from Japan, representing an increase of 39 percent over the previous month. Okinawa received 1,252,614 board feet of lumber from Japan during the month.

Welfare

3. The Labor and Welfare Department received approximately 10,000 pieces of Red Cross clothing during the month. Distribution of this supply will be made when the necessity arises.

4. Day nurseries were started at Naha and Shuri in December enabling parents to leave children 1 to 5 years of age at the nursery and enter gainful employment.

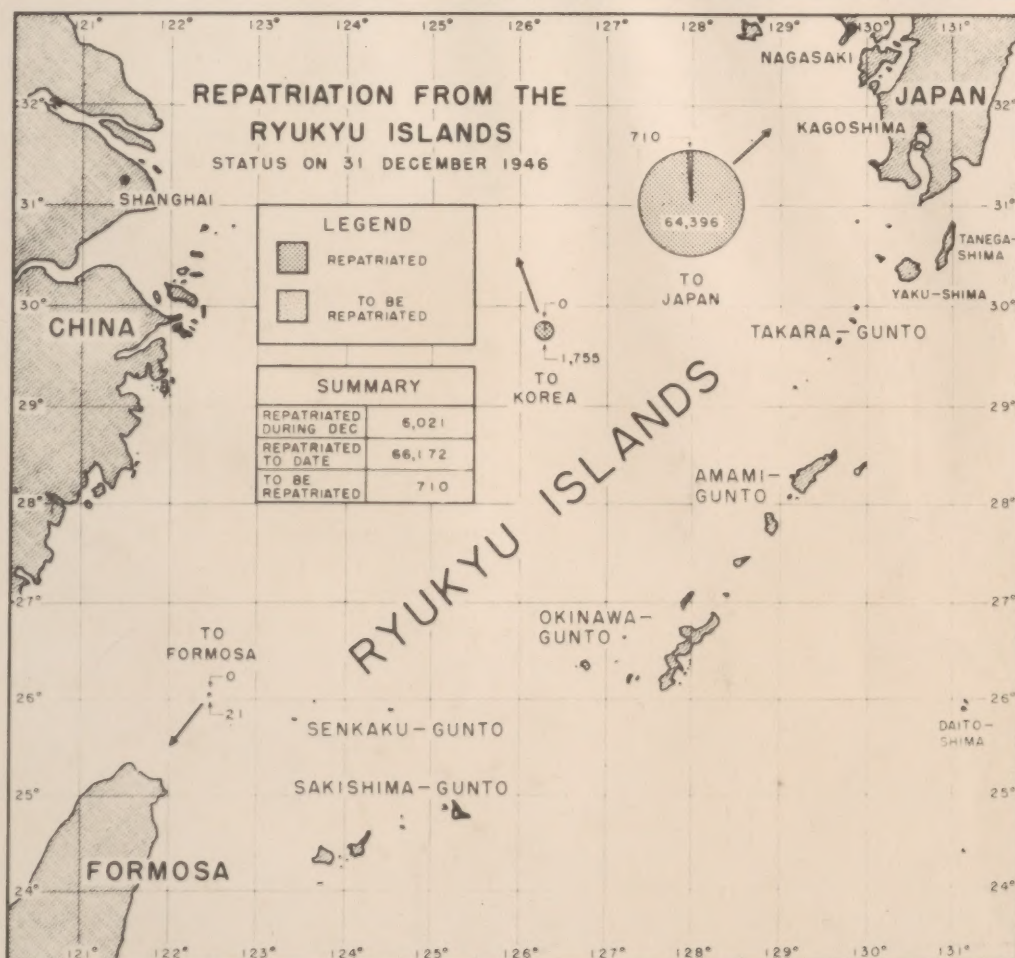
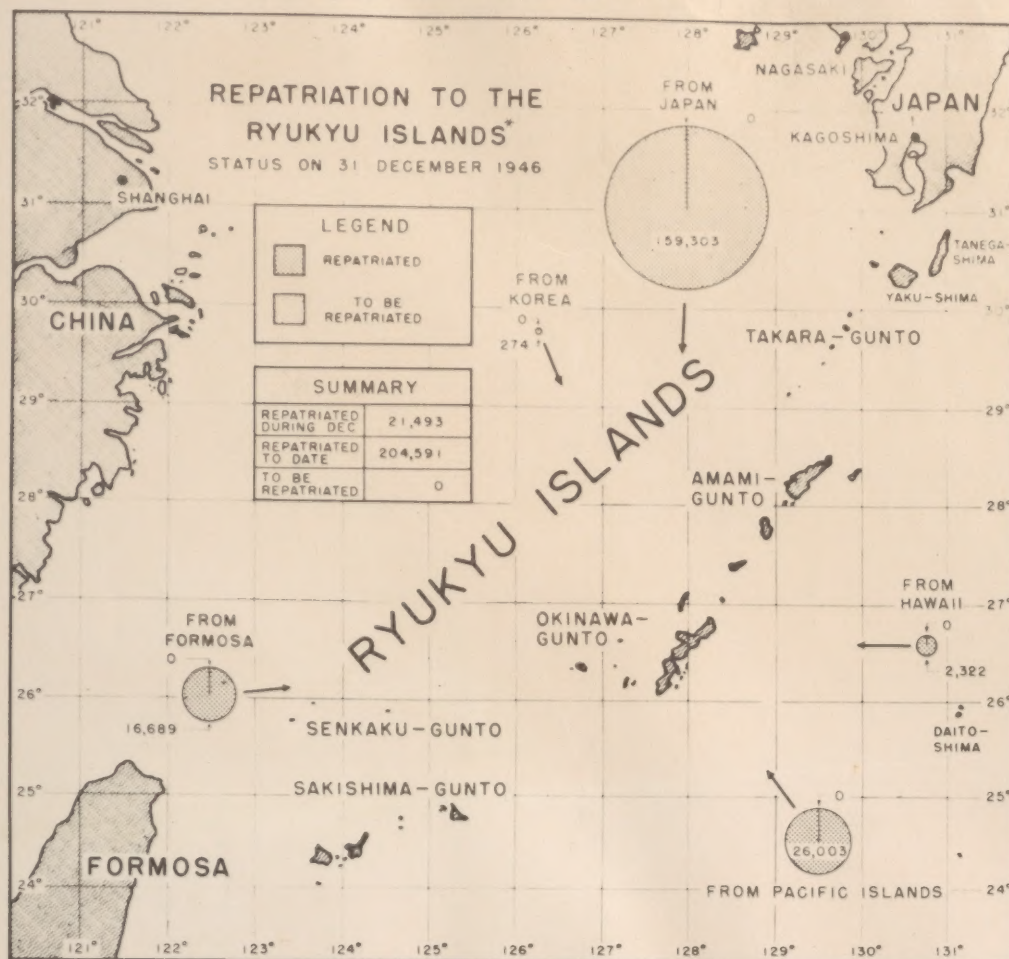
5. Ryukyuans on relief in December decreased to 58,000 from 95,375 on 15 November.

Repatriation

6. During December the Ryukyus received 21,974 repatriates while 2,363 evacuated from the Islands. See chart, page 26, for monthly repatriation statistics since August.

7. The repatriation reception center, Camp Kuba Saki, was cleared of its last repatriate on 23 December. Camp Costello remained open to process all further repatriates. By 31 December

REPATRIATION



* 42 RYUKYUANS WERE REPATRIATED FROM THE USSR IN THE WEEK ENDING 29 DECEMBER
SOURCE: RYKOM, MG.

the two reception centers had received and processed 204,591 repatriates.

HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL AFFAIRS

8. The total number of medical personnel increased 38 per cent during December as compared with the previous month.

CIVILIAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Physicians	80	170
Medical assistants	71	101
Dentists	23	46
Dental assistants	24	33
Registered nurses	201	362
Student nurses	337	333
Midwives	163	196
Pharmacists	5	11

9. The number of dispensary patients decreased from 106,590 in November to 84,471 in December. The total in-patients during the month increased from 669 to 720. There were 744 persons remaining in hospitals on 31 December.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

10. Communicable disease incidence with the exception of malaria and dengue fever continued to increase.

INCIDENCE OF DISEASES

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Trachoma	5,392	7,108
Mumps	-	251
Influenza	2,749	3,705
Diphtheria	5	23
Tetanus	15	11
Amebic dysentery	50	85
Malaria	26,230	18,057
Filariasis	44	61
Tuberculosis (all types)	314	429
Dengue fever	330	5

VITAL STATISTICS

11. Births during December totaled 1,334 and deaths numbered 930, an increase in the birth and death rates.

12. Stillbirths in December numbered 14, an increase over the previous month.